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SUBJECT: STATUS OF CHINESE-MONGOLIAN RELATIONS AND
CHIAO KUAN-HUA'S VISIT

1. ON 7 FEBRUARY SANDAGSUREN, SECOND SECRETARY OF
MONGOLIAN EMBASSY OF PEKING AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE
INTERPRETER, CALLED ON USLO AND GAVE THIS QUICK
RUN-DOWN IN STATUS OF CHINESE-MONGOLIAN RELATIONS.

A. ON TRADE, THE CHINESE NEGOTIATING TEAM HAD BEEN
IN ULAN BAATOR FOR TWO MONTHS BUT NEGOTIATIONS WERE
MOVING VERY SLOWLY. THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE HUNG UP
ON TWO POINTS. FIRST, THE CHINESE WANTED TO USE HARD
CURRENCY AS THE MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE IN THE AGREEMENTS
WHEREAS THE MONGOLIANS PREFERRED TO HAVE THE NEGOTIATIONS
IN MONGOLIAN CURRENCY AND CHINESE REMMINBI. IN THE
SECOND PLACE THE CHINESE CLAIMED MONGOLIAN HORSES
HAD AILMENTS AND THEREFORE THE PRICES SHOULD BE
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REDUCED. THE MONGOLIANS CONTESTED THIS. SANDAGSUREN

SAID THE TRADE LAST YEAR WAS ABOUT 5 MILLION RUBLES
AND THE MONGOLIANS HOPED IT WOULD INCREASE THIS YEAR.

B. SANDAGSUREN SAID THAT HE HAD LEARNED CHIAO KUAN-HUA,
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PLANNED TO VISIT SOUTH
ASIA AND AFRICA THIS SPRING. CHIAO WOULD PROBABLY
BE VISITING PAKISTAN, IRAN, TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA AND
POSSIBLY ZAIRE. HE DID NOT SAY WHERE HE GOT THIS
INFORMATION, BUT WE THINK LIKELY IT CAME FROM THE RUSSIANS.

C. SANDAGSUREN SAID THE MONGOLIANS HOPED THAT SOME
DAY THEY COULD NEGOTIATE WITH CHINESE FOR THE USE OF
THE PORT FACILITIES AT TIENTSIN TO TRANSSHIP COMMODITIES
IMPORTED FROM THIRD COUNTRIES TO MONGOLIA. HE SAID THE
ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE USSR TO DO THIS THROUGH VLADIVOSTOK
WERE CUMBERSOME AND WERE NOT WORKING OUT VERY WELL AND MONGOLIA
WANTED TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION SINCE IT HOPES TO INCREASE
ITS TRADE WITH JAPAN. TIENTSIN OFFERED THE MOST CONVENIENT
ALTERNATIVE PORT. ALTHOUGH HE SAID THIS HAD NOT BEEN RAISED WITH
THE CHINESE YET IT IS APPARENT THAT THE MONGOLIANS
HAVE THIS VERY MUCH IN MIND.

2. COMMENT: SANDGSUREN HAS BEEN A CONSISTENT CALLER
ON USLO AND HE COMES TO SOUND OUT THE AMERICANS ON
DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA. IN RETURN HE KEEPS US ABREAST
ON WHAT THE MONGOLIANS ARE DOING. WE HAVE NO
CONFIRMATION THAT CHIAO IS MAKING TRIP BUT IT SEEMS
A LOGICAL MOVE THAT CHIAO WOULD MAKE HIS FIRST TRIP
AS FOREIGN MINISTER TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.
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